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CIA seeks permission to question Barbie

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LYON, France — The Central Intelligence Agency has asked France for permission to interrogate accused Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie in his Lyon prison cell, French legal officials said Thursday.

The U.S. Justice Department announced March 15 it had opened an investigation as to whether the Gestapo chief in wartime Lyon worked for U.S. intelligence agents in Germany after World War II and whether the Americans helped him to flee Europe to Bolivia in 1951.

The allegations have been made by Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld and her husband Serge who tracked down Barbie in his Bolivian refuge.

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